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Preface

We affirm the Bible alone as our final authority. As Apostolic Pentecostals we uphold the New Birth, water baptism in Jesus' name, and the baptism in the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues (Acts 2; Acts 2:38). This booklet states our conviction: spiritism, witchcraft, necromancy, divination, sorcery, idolatry, occult objects and practices, and any devotional acts that replace Jesus are forbidden by Scripture, invite demonic deception, and must be renounced by those who follow Christ.

Part I — Scriptural Foundation (key passages and principles)

- No other gods, no graven images: Exodus 20:3–5; Exodus 34:13; Deuteronomy 4:15–19; Deuteronomy 7:25–26; Deuteronomy 12:2–4, 29–31. Scripture commands the removal and destruction of pagan altars and images, so Jesus is God alone is worshiped.
- Divination, mediums, necromancy, witchcraft condemned: Leviticus 19:26, 19:31; Leviticus 20:6, 20:27; Deuteronomy 18:9–14; Isaiah 8:19; 1 Samuel 28 (Saul and the medium) — these practices are called abominations and are forbidden.
- Test the spirits; beware false prophets and

counterfeit works: Matt 24.1-4 Take heed no man deceive you Deuteronomy 13; Ezekiel 13; Jeremiah 23:16–17; Matthew 7:15–23; 1 John 4:1–3; 2 Corinthians 11:13–15.

- New Testament examples of deliverance and renunciation of occult arts: Acts 8:9–24 (Simon the sorcerer), Acts 16:16–18 (spirit of divination), Acts 19:11–20 (believers burning books of magic).

- Works of the flesh include sorcery: Galatians 5:19–21; Revelation condemns sorcery/sorceries (pharmakeia) — Rev. 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15.

- Separate from unfruitful works of darkness: 2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Ephesians 5:11–12; 1 Thessalonians 5:19–22.

- True Holy Spirit is the Lord Jesus is God and he has given us power and authority over demons: Mark 16:17–18; Luke 10:17–20; Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2 (Pentecost); Acts 19:18–20.

- The body is the temple of the Holy Ghost: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 — Christians should keep their bodies and devotional practices holy.

Specific Leviticus passages (relevant)

- Leviticus 19:27–28 (KJV): “Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you...” — historically applied in Christian conviction

against tattoos and ritual cuttings associated with pagan rites.

- Leviticus 21:4–6 (KJV) and related verses address cuttings and practices for the dead and priestly purity; these passages form part of the Old Testament basis for rejecting ritual marks and pagan mourning customs.

Part II — Doctrinal Stance and Distinctives

1. New Birth, Jesus' name water baptism, and baptism in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues are essential to bible salvation (John 3; Acts 2; Acts 2:38).

2. We deny fellowship with spiritism, witchcraft, necromancy, divination, sorcery, palmistry, horoscopes, tarot, Ouija boards, séances, psychic consultations, and all occult arts (Deut. 18:9–14; Lev. 19:31).

3. We reject idolatry in any form—statues, images, charms, amulets, witchcraft rings and earrings and toe rings nose rings the wearing of jewelry; crosses etc. (1 Tim. 2:8-9, 1 Pet. 3:1-5, Isa. 3). Dolls or any object used as an object of worship or spiritual consultation we reject and the wearing of jewelry is

paganism because the word of God forbids it (Exod. 20:4–5; Deut. 7:25–26).

4. We do not endorse wearing crucifixes as objects of devotion or religious tattoos that can function as marks tied to non-Christian rites. Our conviction is to avoid objects that may become idols and to honor Scripture’s call to holiness and the body as God’s temple (Exod. 20:4–5; Lev. 19:28; 1 Cor. 6:19–20).

5. We counsel against membership in secret societies whose rites, oaths, or teachings conflict with the gospel and biblical separation (apply 2 Cor. 6:14–18; principles of accountability and open confession).

6. We oppose participation in holidays or practices that actively invite occult influence (e.g., Halloween forms that glorify witchcraft, necromancy, or the occult); Apostolic Pentecostal Christians must exercise discernment and separate from anything that trivializes or honors evil (Eph. 5:11; 1 Thess. 5:22; Deut. 18:9–14).

Part III — Practical Biblical Applications:
The Apostolic Pentecostal Church Devotions
We Should Adhere to in Our Homes

A. On crosses, crucifixes and religious tattoos and

statues idols in the home around your wrist, your neck, your anklet, any form of jewelry, wearing of it in the ears, and the nose and the belly button

All these practices are paganism and goes against the word of God. It is a form Idolatry and these practices bring curses on your home. Read Gen. 35, Deut. 27, Gal. 3:3-14.

- Conviction: Every true believer; once they have been taught the scripture; the Holy Ghost will convict them. The Bible teaches us against having Christmas trees in the home; read Jeremiah 10 and Deuteronomy 7:14. Santa Claus and elves are pagan. Also, our church conviction is that wearing crucifixes or devotional religious tattoos often functions as a form of material devotion that can edge into idolatry. We therefore discourage the wearing of crucifixes and religious tattoos that have occult, superstitious, or non-Christian Gang tattoos associations we must break all vows to gangs and secret societies renounce all forms of soul ties. Scripture to consider: Exodus 20:4–5; Deuteronomy 4:15–19; Leviticus 19:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20.

- Pastoral approach: Teach biblical reasons, counsel lovingly, and encourage heart-centered worship of Christ alone. If a member feels convicted, guide them to repentance and removal of any object that competes with devotion to Jesus.

B. On Catholic statues, icons, and devotional objects

- Scriptural principle: God forbids making and worshiping idols (Exod. 20:4–5; Deut. 7:25–26). If any object in a home—regardless of origin—is kept or venerated in a way that competes with the worship of Christ, it should be removed.

- Pastoral care: Speak with loving clarity. Do not attack persons of other faiths. Ask those concerned to renounce any practice inconsistent with Apostolic faith, remove objects of veneration used for prayer to the dead or saints, and dedicate the home to Christ.

C. On Masonry/Secret Societies

- We advise against membership in secret societies whose rituals, oaths, or teachings conflict with Scripture or bind conscience in ways incompatible with the gospel. While Scripture does not mention modern groups by name, the New Testament teaches Christians to live transparently and under Christ’s authority, not hidden oaths or syncretistic rites (2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Ephesians 5). Pastors should counsel those involved to reconsider and to repent where teachings conflict with apostolic doctrine.

D. On Halloween, Occult Media, Ouija Boards, and Similar Things

- Halloween: Because of its pagan and occult roots and the ways many celebrations honor evil themes, our conviction is to avoid participating in traditions that open the door to occult influence, especially allowing children to participate in occult-promoting events. Instead, replace Halloween with holy alternatives: harvest/safety events, gospel outreach, or family activities that honor Christ.
- No TV in our homes or on our phones, movies and media. We abstain from these as Apostolic Pentecostal Believers. Remove or avoid films, games, books, and other media that glorify witchcraft, demons, necromancy, or occult practices. Do not expose children to occult instruction.
- Ouija boards and spirit boards: These are direct invitations to spirit communication and are forbidden by Scripture (Deut. 18:10–12; Lev. 19:31) and by Apostolic conviction. They must be destroyed and renounced.
- Pastoral counsel: If exposed or previously involved, repent, renounce, remove items, and seek pastoral deliverance and discipleship.

Part IV — Steps for Individuals and Families

1. Repent: Confess involvement with spiritism, divination, occult entertainment, secret oaths, or idol veneration (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9).

2. Renounce: Verbally renounce any vows, covenants, or agreements made with spirits or occult practices.

3. Remove: Dispose of occult objects and images (statues, Ouija boards, tarot, crystals used for occultism, witchcraft dolls, occult books or films). Dispose safely and lawfully; burning is biblical precedent in Acts 19:19 and Deut. 7:25–26 but follow local laws and safety.

4. Confess and receive pastoral care: Tell your pastor or trusted elder for prayer, deliverance ministry, and discipleship (James 5:16). Pastors should provide oversight and follow-up.

5. Be baptized in water in Jesus Name after you have truly repented of your sins and confessed them to the Lord Jesus Christ ask Jesus to baptize you with his spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues : If not yet baptized in Jesus' name, receive baptism; then seek the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:38; Acts 2:4).

6. Replace with truth: Fill your home with Scripture, prayer, godly music, wholesome media, and regular worship. Teach children biblical truth and provide safe Christian celebrations in place of occult holidays.

Part V — Discernment:

How to Know the True Move of the Holy Ghost

- Scripture test: True manifestations must be consistent with Scripture and glorify Christ (John 16:13–14; 1 John 4:1–3).
- Fruit test: True work of the Spirit produces repentance, holiness, love, and unity (Matt. 7:16–20; Gal. 5:22–23).
- Doctrinal test: True work aligns with Apostolic doctrine—New Birth, baptism in Jesus’ name, and the Holy Ghost (Acts 2; Acts 2:38).
- Accountability test: Genuine ministry is transparent and submits to church oversight (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12–13).

Part VI — Sample Renunciation and Deliverance Prayers

(use under pastoral oversight)

Renunciation Prayer

“Lord Jesus, I repent of every involvement in spiritism, witchcraft, séances, Ouija boards, horoscopes, tarot, occult films, secret oaths, and any practice that sought guidance from familiar spirits or the dead. I renounce every vow, word and agreement made by me or my family with these things. I plead the blood of Jesus over my life and household. Wash

me and my home, and broke every ungodly tie in Jesus' name. Amen.”

Deliverance Prayer

“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I bind and rebuke every familiar spirit, lying spirit, and power of darkness that has entered through occult practices or idolatry. I command you to go where Jesus sends you. I receive the Holy Ghost and the fullness of Christ. I declare I am free by the blood of Jesus. Amen.”

Part VII — Church Policy (model)

- Our church will not permit occult practices, spiritism, or the use of occult objects on church property.
- Members are asked to remove from their homes and lives any objects or practices that function as idols or occult conduits.
- Those confessing past involvement will be offered pastoral care: repentance, renunciation, deliverance prayer under oversight, baptism if needed, and discipleship.
- Persistent, unrepentant occult practice will result in church discipline as necessary to protect the flock (Matt. 18:15–17; 2 Cor. 6:14–18).

Pastoral Tone and Respect for Persons

We oppose occult practices and idolatry but must minister with grace and truth and holiness and teach them what saith scripture. Avoid personal attacks or hateful language toward those in Catholic cultic practices such as lighting candles to the dead, such as praying to dead saints and Mary-ology and the worship of Mary as the fourth member of the Godhead. We call Catholics, Protestants, and seekers alike to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. If someone comes from a different tradition (including Catholicism cult), counsel them lovingly and scripturally we will not compromise the word of God, pointing them to the Lord Jesus Christ, Scripture, and Apostolic doctrine.

Closing Exhortation

Jesus has given us authority over the enemy (Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19). He calls us to holiness, separation from every occult foothold, and dependence on the Holy Ghost for discernment and power (Acts 1:8; 1 John 4:1–3). Let us be a people who refuse the occult, renounce idols, walk in the New Birth, and live by the power of the true Holy Spirit.

Appendix — Key Scriptures for Further Study

Old Testament: Exodus 20:3–5; Exodus 34:13; Leviticus 19:26, 19:31; Leviticus 19:27–28; Leviticus 20:6, 20:27; Deuteronomy 4:15–19; Deuteronomy 7:25–26; Deuteronomy 12:2–4, 29–31; Deuteronomy 13; Deuteronomy 18:9–14; 1 Samuel 28; 2 Kings 21:6; 2 Chronicles 33:6; Isaiah 8:19; Jeremiah 23:16–17; Ezekiel 13.

New Testament: Matthew 7:15–23; Mark 16:17–18; Luke 10:17–20; Acts 1:4–8; Acts 2:1–4, 2:38; Acts 8:9–24; Acts 16:16–18; Acts 19:11–20; Romans 1:21–25; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; 1 Corinthians 10:19–22; 2 Corinthians 6:14–18; Galatians 5:19–21; Ephesians 5:11–12; Philippians 2:10–11; 1 Thessalonians 5:19–22; James 5:16; 1 John 4:1–3; Revelation 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15.

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